

REMARKS

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to paragraphs 35 and 46 of the Detailed Description of the Invention, does not add any new matter, since the amendments were performed to correct typographical errors.

CLAIMS

CLAIMS 1-10, 14 and 18

Claims 1-10, 14 and 18 have been cancelled without prejudice.

INDEPENDENT CLAIM 11

Claim 11 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,173,910 ("Goodman"). The Office Action states "... per claim 11, it recites a method. The rejection is based on the same reason described for claim 1, because the claim recites the same or similar limitations as claim 1." The Applicant respectfully submits that Goodman, for example, does not teach or disclose "receiving said reference speech samples captured at *one or more processing points within a gateway*," as recited in independent Claim 11 (emphasis denoted in italics). For at least this reason alone, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 11 is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully submit that Goodman does not teach each and every element of what is recited in Claim 11.

Because of the foregoing argument made with respect to independent Claim 11, the Applicant has not commented on the remarks made by the Examiner regarding dependent Claims 12-13, and 15-17 but reserve the right to do so in the future should the need arise. Since Claims 12-13, and 15-17 depend on an allowable Claim 11, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 12-13, and 15-17 are in condition for allowance. Thus, the Applicants request that Claims 11-13, and 15-17 be immediately passed to issue.

CLAIMS 19-54

Claims 19-54 have been added. The Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 19-54 contain patentable subject matter. The Applicants respectfully submit that Goodman and/or Bauer does not teach, either alone or in combination, what is recited in Claims 19-54.

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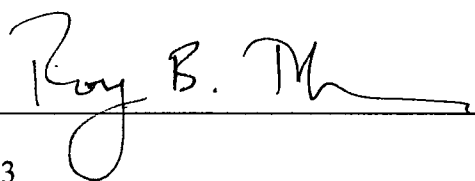
CONCLUSION

Based on at least the foregoing, the Applicants believe that Claims 11-13, 15-17, and 19-54 are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited. Should anything remain in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, or should the Examiner disagree or have any question regarding this submission, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at (312) 775-8246.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

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